

### REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated February 20, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, claims 18 and 34 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-35 are currently pending, with claims 1-17 and 20-33 being withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 18-19 and 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Applicants' Related Art (ARA) in view of Yamada et al. (JP 2002-258299). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 18 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 18 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein one nozzle dispenses the material onto one liquid crystal panel so that one syringe dispenses the material onto a plurality of liquid crystal panel at the same time." None of the cited references including Yamada et al., singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

As shown in Fig. 3 of Yamada et al., a plurality of nozzles (10) at one end of the body dispenses the dispensing material onto a one panel of the substrate. On the contrary, in the claimed invention, each of a plurality of nozzles at the body corresponds to each of a plurality of liquid crystal panels so that only one nozzle dispenses the dispensing material onto one liquid crystal panel.

Thus, Yamada et al. fails to teach or suggest at least "wherein one nozzle dispenses the material onto one liquid crystal panel so that one syringe dispenses the material onto a plurality of liquid crystal panels at the same time."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 and claim 19, which depends from claim 18, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 34 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 34 recites a combination of elements including, for example, wherein one nozzle dispenses the material onto one liquid crystal panel so that one syringe dispenses the material onto a plurality of liquid crystal panels at the same time." None of the cited references including Yamada et al., singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 34 for the same reasons as claim 18. Applicants' arguments with respect to claim 18 are equally applicable to claim 34 and Applicants respectfully submit that claim 34 and claim 35, which depends from claim 34, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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